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INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

In 1963 the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), John McCone, established the National Intelligence Programs Evaluation Staff (DCI/NIPE). This Staff, composed mainly of CIA officers, was formed to evaluate Intelligence Community related problems and, over a period of time, became the nucleus of today's Intelligence Community Staff (ICS). The IC Staff was established officially on 1 March 1972.

The IC Staff was established to support the DCI in his role as leader of the Intelligence Community. The motivating force was a November 1971 Presidential memorandum which charged the DCI with the responsibility to exert stronger leadership in the management and coordination of the U. S. foreign intelligence effort, improvement of the intelligence product, and to review as well as improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which intelligence resources are utilized.

In early 1973, a further refinement in the basic composition of the IC Staff took place. Emphasis at this juncture was to have the IC Staff become more representative of the whole Community. The present IC Staff is a direct result of this emphasis and is composed of a carefully selected blend of CIA professionals, active duty intelligence officers from the military services, civilian personnel from NSA, DIA and the State Department, in addition to a few individuals from private industry and contract personnel to draw on their particular area of expertise. The support furnished by the IC Staff today to the DCI is clearly "community" in nature, dealing with all intelligence agencies and departments on an equal basis.

The Executive Order 11905, of 18 February 1976, augmented further the DCI's responsibilities as leader of the Intelligence Community. In order to effectively implement E. O. 11905 and provide essential support to the DCI, the Committee on Foreign Intelligence (CFI) and the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB), the IC Staff was reorganized and enlarged to improve and facilitate management of the Community. Strengthening and restructuring of the ICS centered on servicing the expanded responsibilities of the DCI in three main areas--policy and planning, programming and budgeting, and performance evaluation and improvements.

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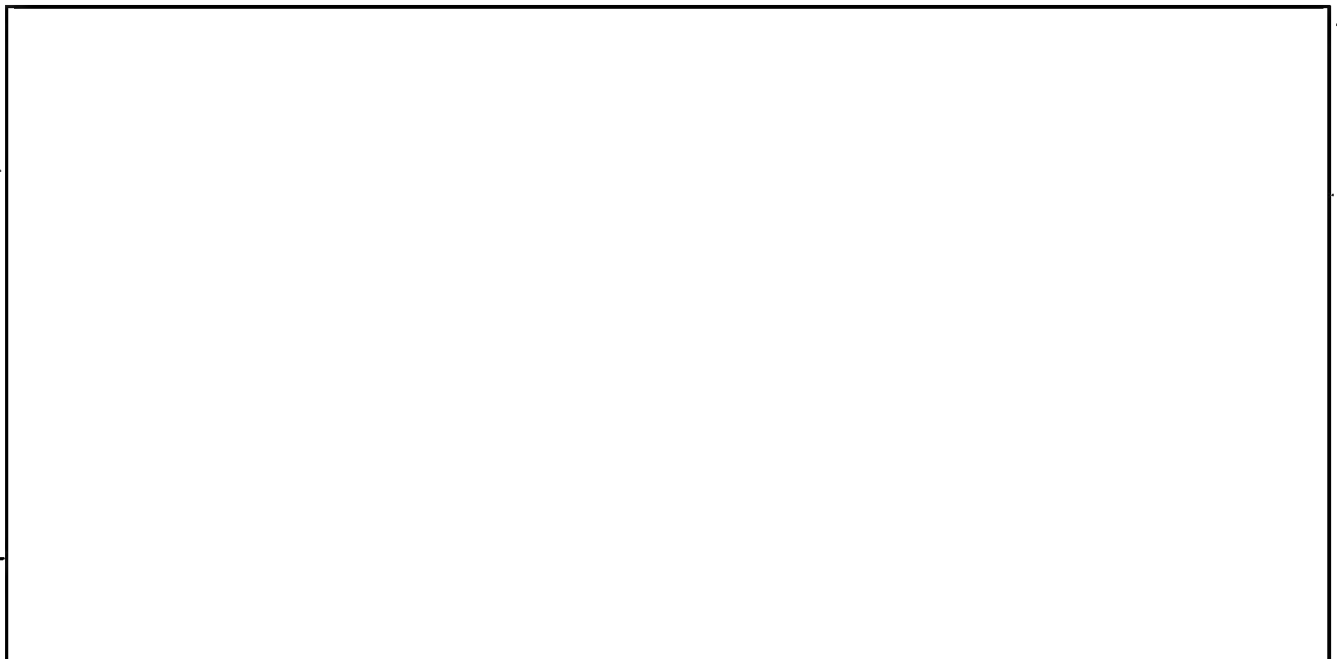
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